

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after ~~line 5~~, insert the heading

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, after ~~line 8~~, insert the heading

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

lines ~~21-22~~, delete "the characterizing features of Patent Claim 1. The invention proposes"; after "a" insert --mold having--;

line ~~23~~, after "parts" insert --or--; change "(pressure-exerting plates) to --pressure-exerting plates--.

Page 5, line 2, change "said" to --the--;

after line 32, insert ~~the~~ heading

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

line 35, delete ", in detail".

Page 6, after ~~line 10~~, insert the heading

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

line 19, change "said" to --the--.

Page 8, line 32, change "13 [sic]" to --12--.

Page 11, line 15, change "form a stop upwards" to --forms an upwards stop--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 14-18 as follows:

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14. A mold for manufacturing concrete moldings comprising:

a bottom mold part with at least one mold chamber;

a top mold part with a load plate; and

at least one die where there is as many dies as mold chambers, said die including:

a die shank, one side of which is connected to said load plate;

a pressure-exerting plate connected to the other side of said die shank; and

means for moving said pressure-exerting plate away from said top mold part into contact with concrete, said means including stops which define the displacement range of said pressure-exerting plate, and wherein said pressure-exerting plate can be forced downward under the action of a pressure medium.

15. A mold according to claim 14, wherein a pressure-medium chamber that is activated by a compressed-air source is provided on each at least one die, said pressure-medium chamber acting on said pressure-exerting plate and having a movable wall.

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16. A mold according to claim 15, wherein the movable wall is one of a diaphragm and a bellows.

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17. A mold according to claim 15, wherein the pressure-medium chamber is arranged in a bottom region of the ^{each} at least one die.

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18. A mold according to claim 15, wherein the die shank is mounted movably on the load plate and is connected firmly to the pressure-exerting plate; and the pressure-medium

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chamber is arranged approximately level with the load plate so that compressive forces from the pressure-medium chamber are exerted on the die shank.--

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the contents of the Office Action dated August 19, 1998. In that Action, the Examiner indicates that the restriction requirement set forth in Paper No. 6 is made final. Accordingly, claims 10-13 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner. Additionally, claims 5-9 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected species, as the species depicted in Figures 1 and 2 of the application was elected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, headings are added and minor editorial changes are made to the specification; claims 1-4 are canceled; and new claims 14-18 are added. Accordingly, claims 5-18 are pending in the instant application, with claims 5-13 being withdrawn from consideration.

On page 2 of the Action, the Examiner correctly notes that the instant application should be accorded the filing date of October 2, 1996. Applicants requested and have since received a Filing Receipt with the corrected filing date of October 2, 1996. Accordingly, it is submitted that nothing further need be done, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office recognizes the October 2, 1996 filing date, which enables the priority of the two German patent applications to be claimed.

The Office Action objected to the disclosure because of a few informalities and the lack of headings therein. By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have added headings to the specification and corrected the informalities indicated in paragraph 7 of the Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in the proper format.

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